

Shopping to Select a Baby.

Infants Secured by Mail Order or First Hand Inspection—
Story Told by Secretary of Adoption Committee of
Big Public Institution—Majority of Waifs
Find Very Good Homes.

Everybody knows of the hundreds of babies found in the streets and parks, in the empty buildings and niched in door stoops of any great city. What everybody does not know, however, is that a very considerable proportion of these waifs find adopted homes in various parts of the country, comfort and a tender care in marked contrast to their unrequited origin.

The matter of the infant asylum or the babies' home knows all this. She knows the misdeeds of human nature, she knows as well as any official in Christendom and can account from a person's manner, or their letter of application, for the manner of the agent entrusted with the task of finding them a baby, whether or not to entertain their proposition.

"I get as many orders for babies in the course of a day as a dry goods merchant gets for suits or a hatter for hats," said the secretary of the adoption committee in a public institution. The orders from a distance come in the morning's mail. The city physicians send in a number, either orders from their own patients direct, or orders received through physicians in other towns. A doctor rung us up just now to know if the particular type of baby he is in search of is yet in stock. This order has hung on for weeks and weeks. He patient, a sentimental woman, has set her heart on a fair-skinned girl baby, with golden curls, blue and brown eyes, a rare combination. We sent out little girl to her on approval, a beautiful child, but her heart soon to be broken and she was returned. She is going out again tomorrow, however, to be the child of an estimable clergyman who has lost his wife and whose sister keeps alive for him. They don't care as to the color of baby's hair and eyes, just so she is healthy and good-natured.

"We have every week many applicants for adopted children who go through the wards, make their own selection out of the children at disposal, but they are not allowed to take them home to be held until the infant answering to the stipulated description comes in.

Mail Orders for Babies.

"In the mail orders for babies many envelopes are sent to guide in choosing. Each one contains a photograph, a detailed description as to length of limbs or general build of baby, its constitution, complexion, etc. The look of hair I am asked to match as exactly as possible, that sent having been cut from the head of some friend's or neighbor's baby whom the applicant admires. The photographs are to give an idea of the type of features desired. The other day there came a faded old time daguerreotype, the likeness of the prospective father, who was a man of an infant, and whose general type and physique it was hoped might be repeated in the foster child who was to be as their very own.

"Not only in the matter of complexion and physical characteristics are my customers predetermined, but there is often a strong bias as to nationality. The infant must be of Swedish antecedents, if possible, or of German birth. One woman wrote for an aristocratic looking infant as young as three years, capable of Austrian blood. Her husband, she said, was a well bred Viennese, and they specially wished that the child might resemble him. Some times there are orders for Hebrew children or for Italians, all the babies to be less than 2 months old, and it takes some time to find one that meets the nurse and doctor to detect the nationality in children of that age whose parents are not known to them.

"We keep those babies whose lineage we know something of in a separate list from the little findlings with no name and no age save that given to them here and set down on the adoption card tacked at the head of their crib. A well-to-do Illinois farmer applied for a baby yesterday to be company to his wife, whose own children were all grown up and gone away. "Give us anything, either a boy or girl," he said, "and of any age under 5, not one whose father was a drunkard or a lunatic or who has gone to prison. We want a child with a chance to turn out as a comfort to his and a trouble. I've seen it in my time that as the twig is bent the tree will grow."

A Baby In Great Demand.

"The child of an Englishman, born three weeks ago, and whose father had deserted the mother since coming to this country, have five well appointed homes open to it. A wealthy widow has seen it three times, and declares that no other baby will suit her. A prosperous hardware manufacturer has applied for it. A lawyer and a real estate broker with children homes are both after it, but a physician, a noted child's specialist, is the favored applicant. Twelve years ago he married a trained nurse whose love of children amounted to a passion. They have had an only child and the committee judge that at their hands the little one stands the best chance of consistent care and a happy home.

Sitting Blondes and Brunettes.

The physician from a famous women's college was in the babies' ward of a city institution a few days ago selecting a child for adoption. One of the college students had died and the mother brooding over her trouble had been advised to adopt a child as a fresh source of interest.

"The dead girl was a brunette with gray eyes, brown hair and a delicate oval face," explained the physician, "and I think it would be nice to get a baby of the same type." So the nurses went to work sifting the hundreds of babies from the blondes and finding those nearest the description.

"That one has the right coloring, but her nose is sure to be a pug," was the objection to one baby. "This child's features are well enough, but she isn't well framed." "No, no, no," said the physician, "I don't like that expression," came the verdicts. The whole array was looked over and in the end a blue-eyed blonde baby with an air of being content, chosen in line of the stipulated type. She was the best, all round choice there was, and pretty enough to disarm prejudice.

A married couple selecting a child for themselves took the formation of the baby hands as a prompter. The lady went over the ward carefully and examined the wrists and length, and shape of fingers, and general hand contour of a dozen or more infants. Finally a seven-year-old had narrowed down to three and it was a toss up which it should be, the matter was settled in an odd way. The most delicate looking of the babies closed its little fingers tightly on hers as she examined it. "This baby must be meant for me," she said, and the negotiations were closed.

"People adopt children for many different reasons," said the experienced matron of this institution. "Some take them through kindness. They have means more than they can dispose of, and it is brought to their notice that looking after the babies closed its little fingers tightly on hers as she examined it. "This baby must be meant for me," she said, and the negotiations were closed.

to return the child to us. A little boy shipped out to Minneapolis with a care taker yesterday, had this experience. He has gone now to the home of a great, stout miller and seems booked for all sorts of good luck, but just two years ago he was adopted by a wealthy stock broker in this city. This foster father's fortune was whisked off in a night, he was stricken with paralysis, and the wife and woman of middle age was burdened with his support. The child was in the way and likely to be deprived of even common advantages, so we took him back.

The other day a moderately wealthy young woman who had been most enthusiastic about the little girl she wanted to adopt changed her mind and offered us compensation if we would take the child off her hands. "I thought I would like a child, but I don't," she said. "It's too much trouble, and just when I want to play with it it starts to cry." Another girl baby was returned from the home of a young couple with this message: "I really meant to keep my child, but two families in our neighborhood lately have had great trouble with their daughters. One, a girl 18 years old, ran away with a wealthy clerk and married before anybody could stop it, and the other has turned out atrociously and has disappointed her parents. We think now we'd rather adopt a boy." Of course people of this sort are too frivolous and irresponsible to be trusted with any child. They think they would like to have a child in the house just as they would like a piano or a hall clock, a picture or anything to show off, but as soon as there is any hint of trouble they have done.

The Babies' Future.

Institutions that make the adoption of children their peculiar care keep track of the babies sent out and exact a yearly report of their welfare. The photographs of these children at various stages of development are a feature of the superintendent's room.

"This boy has turned out a genius," he says in relation to one of his children 11 years old. "He is gifted in drawing and painting, and his foster parents, who live in a western city, are able to give him every advantage. He was brought to us when 7 months old by the sewing woman with whom he had been kept for three months and she could not afford to keep him. The last time she saw the boy's mother she said she was going away and had paid for many weeks in advance. Nothing was ever heard more, and the woman thought that the child's name was not really because a shopping base which the mother left by accident at her home one day, and sent for afterwards, was marked with silver initials that did not correspond with the name assigned to the child. The boy was thus cut off from all chances of ever tracing his parents. This mother might have perished at sea or

been put in prison or in an asylum, but the little fellow has had good fortune.

"This young girl (showing a face of about 15) is the heiress to a wealthy estate just out of an eastern city. She was our girl until three years old, and was the daughter of an unscrupulous bigamist who won a good woman for his wife in spite of the fact that he was not free to marry. He is dead now. The mother is working as a saleswoman in a big Chicago shop, and totally unacquainted with the whereabouts of the child. There are the twin girls adopted by two maiden sisters who live on a big wheat ranch in California. They went there with a brother years ago, pre-empted ground and worked their way to fortune. Last year they sent to us for a child, because they were lonely. We suggested these twins, who were found one winter evening in a rickety tenement on the outskirts of the town, and they took to the idea and ordered them."

Another of the adopted home pictures shows a blind physician in company with the little waif whom he took into his afflicted life. The two are at play in a luxurious room, and it is plain to be seen that this child's limbs have fallen in promising places. There is another picture of a happy looking man with a 2-year-old youngster riding on his shoulders, while the wife sits by doing needlework. "These people lost five babies in succession, only a few hours before they determined on adopting one, and the wife sits by doing needlework."

The larger proportion of adopted children are sure of good homes, because before the papers are taken out, the officials exact proof of the applicant's ability to support the child. A number of children are adopted from expediency, maybe to keep property in a family, at other time to keep peace; again, though not extensively, they are taken from spite to inherit money that some disliked next-of-kin had cut out of getting. In all cases the adoption committee stipulates that the adopted child shall participate in whatever family inheritance there is, even in the event of children being born to the foster parents subsequently. The legal instruments are drawn up with an eye to avoiding any loopholes that backsliders can crawl out of, and often lawyers petition for a peep at the adoption papers in the interest of the very people those papers were intended to foil. The great burglar proof seal of the institution keeps close counsel, and never by any chance does the mother or other relative of the child surrender the wind of the station in life it occupies.

Before this ruling obtained kind people shrank from adopting children because of the embarrassment entailed by the undeniable connections of the child cropping up to profit at its expense. Nowadays the foster parents are

You cannot buy Schilling's Best tea except in packages.

QUEER PHRASES.

Which Have Their Origin In The Ozark Country.

(St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

"Ten o'clock run" is one of the mystifying expressions which the new corner encounters in the Missouri-Kansas-Arkansas zinc and lead country. "Eleven o'clock run" is another. A pioneer will say a certain discovery is on "10 o'clock run," and that another new prospect is on "11 o'clock run." The vernacular of the country is as distinctive as its mineralogical character and as picturesque as its scenery. Old-timers still refer to this as "The Country of the Six Bulls." And when they are asked for the origin, most of them have forgotten it, if they ever heard. A hundred years ago Edmund Jennings came out from Tennessee and lived fifteen years among the Indians of "Ans Arco," as the earlier French explorers had named this region. When he went back to Tennessee he had marvelous tales to tell of the forests and caves and springs and rivers and game in what he called "The Country of the Six Bulls." This, it appears, was Jennings' way of pronouncing "bolts." The Country of the Six Bulls was the country where six great springs, boiling up from the enormous reservoirs of the limestone formation, started rivers on their courses. Indian, Shal, Center, James, Spring and North Fork were the six "bolts" which inspired the name of "The Country of the Six Bulls."

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional treatment. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Minus Dollars and Pounds.

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

"Our friend, the meat man, doesn't look as prosperous as he did."

"No," he says that during the hot weather he lost lots of flesh."

Jennings' hunting and fishing stories of the Ozark country fired the minds of his Tennessee listeners, who were born with a strain of Nimrod's blood in their veins.

The title of immigration to "The Country of the Six Bulls" started almost as soon as the United States had expanded with the Louisiana purchase. Long-legged Tennesseeans poured into the Ozark country, and the Osages and Delawares were crowded out.

"Ten o'clock run" and "11 o'clock run" were invented by the miners of a past generation. They came into use when the compass and the sun dial were in common use. Without being able to give the scientific explanation, practical mining men, having located a good prospect, look for the continuation of it to the northwest or to the southeast of point of discovery. If the course of the mineral is on the line of shadow which the sun will throw by the dial at 10 o'clock, it is a 10 o'clock run. If the mineral lies along the shadow line of an hour later it is described as being "on an 11 o'clock run." Handed down from the pioneers who "zophered" in the Ozark country for lead forty years ago, these expressive phrases are in general use now. They are applied to the new discovery, zinc, copper, silver, etc. Jennings' discovery, which they represent is being borne out by the recent discoveries, which go to establish a much wider extent of the mineral fields than was formerly supposed to exist.

A Comprehensive System.

(New York World.)

"We guarantee our remedy," said the patent medicine agent, "to cure every case of headache where it is used. It is absolutely unfailing. By the way, we have sold it for years in this neighborhood. 'Yes,' replied Farmer Goldenrod, 'but all them that used it for headache have thrown right into brain fever.'"

"True, but right here is where the beauty of our system of treatment comes in; we are now putting on the market another wonderful medicine, which we guarantee to cure brain fever."

Dewey's Good Luck.

(San Francisco Bulletin.)

She-I think Dewey can be trusted to select a new army's uniform that suits him, don't you?"

"He-O. It isn't as if he were a married man."

Ballard's Snow Liniment

is a remedy that would be in every home if all knew what thousands in all parts of the continent have learned. Those who have used ordinary liniments are amazed at what Snow Liniment does and the rapidity with which it does it. Cures Lame Back, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Soreness, Bruises, Strains, Muscular Pains, etc. Equally good for animals. R. E. Morse, traveling salesman, Galveston, Tex., says: "Two bottles of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me of rheumatism of three months' standing." When buying, remember Snow Liniment has no substitute. Price, 50 cents.

Sold by Z. C. M. I. Drug Department.

MATCHLESS CONFERENCE BARGAINS

Autumn Silks.

New Sew Styles at Extraordinary Low Prices.

Handsome Fancy Waist Silks, in stripes and checks, 41 and 43 1/2 yard qualities; conference sale price 79c.

Beautiful Waist, Dress or Trimming Silks, in the new styles, 41 and 43 1/2 yard qualities; conference sale price \$1.10.

One thousand yards plain Taffeta Silks, as good as silk as was ever sold anywhere, in about twenty-five leading colors and shades, as a conference leader 75c.

Black Silks.

22-inch Beau de Soie, strictly pure Silk, made to wear well; a \$1.50 quality, at yard 95c.

Black Satin Duchesse, made popular, rich in appearance and luxurious; a \$1.35 quality; 97c.

22-inch Black Figured Taffetas, pure dye, splendid quality, stylish Silk for Waists, Skirts or Dresses; made to retail \$1.25 yard; 89c.

New Fall Dress Goods

Bargains for This Week in These Departments as Never Before.

Colored Cashmere, double fold, in about twelve colors, at 10c.

Good bright Plaids, this season's styles, in new designs; aha fabric is well worth \$1. a yard; 12c.

Fancy Dress Goods, every piece of this season's best styles, 36 inches wide; per yard, only 23c.

All-wool Trier Dress Goods, especially made for fall and winter wear; in new designs; aha fabric is well worth \$1. a yard; 29c.

25-inch Plaids, Silk and Wool mixed, in handsome basket weave, splendid colorings; 36 inches wide; per yard, only 47c.

42-inch All-wool Camel's Hair Homespuns, gray, brown and blue mixtures, 70c and 85c a yard qualities, at 58c.

26-inch Pure Wool Winter Weight, Camel's Hair, in a new herringbone weave, in the very best style colors, 150 yard is \$1.15 the regular price, at 115c.

Black Dress Goods.

Double width Black Jacquards, 25c a yard, in cheap, at 19c.

26-inch Imported Espagnole Jacquards, actual value 90c a yard; only 35c.

22-inch English Black Solid Brocade, in new designs; aha fabric is well worth \$1. a yard; 69c.

42-inch handsome Black Crepons, 150 a yard is the regular price; offered at a leader for this week at 98c.

42-inch Black Mohair English Crepons, with handsome Silk blisters; 17 1/2 value, at \$1.35.

Ladies' Kid Gloves.

We will sell and fit to the hand this week, a most excellent 2-clasp pigmy seam, embroidered Kid Glove in all sizes and colors including black, for \$1.00.

FOR THESE.

A brand new line of Misses' Gloves on sale, the same grade as the above.

Our higher priced Real French Kid Gloves, made of the Palais Royal, Bernhardt and Majestic, at \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

These are undoubtedly the best makes of Real Kid Gloves sold in the United States.

MAIL ORDERS RECIEVE PROMPT ATTENTION

Blankets and Comforts.

Great quantities of them piling in on us. No place to put them—but we think some of you may find a place for them this cool weather, and we let them go as follows:

10-4 White and Colored Blankets, assorted bright borders, 58c.

10-4 Blankets in a variety of pretty colors, with variegated borders, very handsome designs, \$1.25 is the regular price. This conference week 85c.

11-4 White Sheet Blankets, heavy and light, in handsome fast colored borders; value \$1.50, at \$1.05.

A grand bargain in a lot of mottled California Blankets, in weight 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15 pounds. Regular price of these \$3.00. We give you your choice at the ridiculous price, \$5.95 per pair.

A lot of Comforts 72x78, good Calico covering, at 69c.

Calico Comforts with white cotton covers, Regularly sold for \$1.50, at \$1.19.

Silklike Comforts, with furry white cotton filling, 72x78 in size, \$2.25 value, at \$1.85.

Fine Saten Comforts, 22 1/2, 25 and 27 1/2, all reduced prices.

Eiderdown Comforts, best grades, \$5.50 to \$12.00.

These goods are purchased in quantities from the largest manufacturer of flannelette goods in the country, at prices so low that you can save half to a third on your purchase.

Children's Flannelette Sleepers, Gowns, with feet 49c.

Boys' Night Shirts, from 3 to 16 years 49c.

Men's Outing Flannel Night Shirts, neatly made, finished with a feather cutting braid, 79c.

Women's Outing Flannel Gowns, pink and blue stripes 48c.

Women's Outing Flannel Gowns, good material 65c.

Women's pure white Outing Flannel Gowns, finished with cambric ruffles 90c.

This garment is both dainty and comfortable.

Women's Outing Flannel Skirts, in dainty pink and blue stripes 35c.

Women's Skirts made of dainty pink and blue "Daisy Cloth," finished with upbrella ruffle 65c.

Women's Skirts made of excellent quality flannel, finished with upbrella ruffle, trimmed with pretty patterns of Torchon lace 85c.

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MERCHANDISE AND PRICES TALK

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Lot 1—Ladies' Suits, worth \$11.00, choice for \$6.25.

Lot 2—Ladies' Suits, worth \$15.00, choice for \$10.45.

Lot 3—Ladies' Suits, worth \$22.00, choice for \$15.95.

Brocades, \$1.00 to \$4.00.

Serges, \$2.25 to \$10.00.

Plaids, \$4.45 to \$12.00.

Cheviots, \$3.25 to \$6.50.

Crepons, \$2.25 to \$25.00.

Homespuns, \$2.50 to \$7.50.

Ladies' Jacket of Tan Covert, double-breasted, fancy storm collar, \$4.98.

Ladies' Jackets, colors tan, brown and black, of fine Kersey good style, \$6.98.

Ladies' Jacket of Oxford Cheviot, black Boucle, red, navy and black Kersey, plain or braid trimmed, elegant assort. \$12.48.

Misses' and Children's Jacket of dark mixed Cheviot, braid trimmed sailor collar, for \$1.69.

Misses' Golf Cape, bright plaid, large hoods, with or without fringe, for \$3.69.

Ladies' Cape of Boucle, 27 inches long, Thibet fur trimming, \$3.50.

Ladies' Cape of elegant quality plush, heavily braided and jetted in beautiful designs, edged with bear or Thibet fur \$6.98.

A very large assortment of new Handkerchiefs in better grades on sale at very low prices.

To many, this time of the year, if half price will move them.

12 1/2c Book Fold Percales, light and dark color, at 7 1/2c.

12 1/2c Larine and Dutch Blue Percales, red and navy grounds, at 8 1/2c.

10c Fine theory Outing Flannel, 50 bolts, to be sold by single yard or by the bolt, at 7 1/2c.

At 5c we have placed on sale a large assortment of Handkerchiefs in white hemstitched, drawn work, pretty colored borders, or plain white, all sheer and fine, that you generally pay 10c for.

Sacrificed to make room. They must go. Come and get some of them, they're Below Cost.

And here they go:

7 1/2c 4-4 bleached Muslin, soft finish.

8 1/2c 1-1/2c Domest Shaker Flannel.

7 1/2c brown Canton Flannel.

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